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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL TRADE DISPUTE: LITCHFIELD AND GROSSGELD VS.

KWANU

REF: STATE 202854

1. EMBOFF HAS MADE SIX TRIPS TO MINISTRY OF WORKS, LAGOS AND VICTORIC ISLAND TO HELP RESOLVE PROBLEMS CONCERNING CONTRACT IN QUESTION. MET WITH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS RELOWA, HILANRIO, VILLA AND MARVIN TO ASCERTAIN PROGRESS OF PROJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO PROJECT MANAGER DRAGO MURVIN, ALL PARTS OF CONTRACT HAVE NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. CONTRACT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES: PHASE ONE-PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS 51,500 NAIRE; PHASE TWO-WORKING DRAWINGS 87,085 NAIRE; AND PHASE THREE (STILL UNSIGNED) SUPERVISION OF STRUCTURAL 98,000 NAIRE, ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL 36,000 NAIRE, QUANTITY SURVEYORS 67,000 NAIRE. MARVIN COMPLAINED THAT P. I. NWANU AND ASSOCIATES HAVE SIGNED ONLY PHASES ONE AND TWO BUT HAVE NOT SIGNED PHASE THREE OR ARRANGED FOR STRUCTURAL SERVICES.

3. THERE IS MUCH CONFUSION OVER WHETHER NWANU FIRM HAS BEEN

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PAID. MINISTRY OF WORKS OFFICIALS AND EMBOFF HAVE REVIEWED STACKS OF FILES IN EFFORT LOCATE TWO RECEIPTS OF PAYMENT. ACCORDING TO MARVIN TWO PAYMENTS WERE AUTHORIZED (26,500 NAIRA MARCH 1977; 43,812 NAIRA JULY 1977) BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN PAID OR WHETHER DOLLAR PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN REMITTED. MINISTRY'S FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT (FAD), THE ISSUER OF CHECKS, APPEARS TO BE SEAT OF PROBLEM. REPEATED EMBASSY VISITS

TO CONTROLLER WILLIAMS, FAD DIRECTOR, HAVE FAILED TO UNEARTH
THE NEEDED RECORDS. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS WHILE
COGNIZANT THAT FAD IS NOTORIOUS FOR SLOW PAYMENTS AND GENERAL
DISORGANIZATION.

4. PLS RELAY ABOVE INFORMATION TO JOHN GROSFELD, 39 WEST 38TH
ST., NEW YORK CITY (TEL 212-725-2285) ASAP. HE NEEDS INFO
FOR POSSIBLE INITIATION OF LAW SUIT AND TRIP TO LAGOS SEPT

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